

## Meet our VA Leadership



**Sandy Stenger MSN** Chief Nurse of Professional Staff Development  
14 years with the VA  
Master of Science in Nursing University of Phoenix  
Areas of interest: Human Resources, Nursing Recruitment and Retention, Nursing Administration, Staffing and Operations



**Sara M. Krzykowski-Mohn EdD, MSN, FNP-BC** Director Primary care Nurse Practitioner Residency Program  
15 years with the VA  
Doctorate in Urban Educational Leadership University of Cincinnati College of Education  
Areas of Interest: Health Disparities, Food Insecurity and Adult Learning



**Greg Douglas MSN APRN-BC**  
Director of the Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program  
Years at the VA 7+  
Degree MSN University of Cincinnati College of Nursing  
Interests: Substance Use Disorder, PTSD and mental health community awareness



**Angie Combs DNP, MSN-Ed** Director Post Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program  
6 years with the VA  
Doctor of Nursing Practice Capella University  
Areas of interest: Evidence Based Practice, Critical Care and LGBTQ Issues

## Primary Care Leadership



**Anna Maxey MD**  
Chief of Primary Care  
Years with the VA 4+  
Degree MD The Ohio State University College of Medicine  
Areas of Interest: Primary Care, Geriatrics, Adult Education



**Dena Rattermann MSN, BSN**  
Chief Nurse of Primary Care  
Years with the VA 30+  
Degree MSN University of Phoenix  
Areas of Interest: Nursing Administration

### **Meet our Faculty**



**Michael Hoffman MD** Physician Primary Care  
10 + years with the VA  
Doctor of Medicine University of Cincinnati College of Medicine  
Board Certified Internal Medicine  
Areas of Interest: General Medicine and Medical Education



**Dawn Van Rafelghem MSN, FNP-BC**  
5 years with the VA  
Master's in Nursing Xavier University  
Areas of Interest: Cardiovascular Health, Primary Prevention, Bladder and Colon Health.  
Women's Health Disparities

### **Meet Our New Preceptors**



**Susan Honkomp MSN APRN-BC**  
Home Based Primary Care  
Years with the VA 32+  
Degree MSN Northern Kentucky University  
Interests: Long Term Care, high risk Veteran care and rural care



**Afey Agate MSN, APRN-BC**  
Primary Care  
Years at the VA 6+  
Degree MSN Xavier University College of Nursing  
Interests: Health Disparities among minority groups and Women's Health

### **Current bios of PC-NP Residents**



**Rita Bykov, MSN, FNP-BC Primary Care Resident**  
Hometown: Mozyr, Belarus  
Education: Family Nurse Practitioner from Xavier University, May 2022  
Why the Cincinnati VA:

Nursing has always been my passion. It brings me joy and comfort to care for others. More than ten years ago I had the opportunity to minister to several active duty airmen. I was in awe of the sacrifices they have made and their commitment to defend and protect this great country of ours. This experience cemented in me a desire to also

serve and become a NP at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center providing care to our brave Veterans. I'm thrilled and honored to be a part of the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Residency at the Cincinnati VA.

Areas of interest: Women's Health, Primary Care, Prevention, Evidence Based Practice



**Heather Shultz MSN, AGPC-C Primary Care Resident**

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of Cincinnati

Why the Cincinnati VA?

The Cincinnati VA Primary Care Residency Program captured my interest because it is focused on establishing relationships, becoming a member of an interdisciplinary team, developing communication and leadership skills while also allowing didactic time to continue to build on academic principles essential for practice. As a former USAF nurse corps officer, I have a great affinity for Veterans and can understand some of the unique issues they endure, both mental and physical, and can empathize with them on a more personal level concerning their circumstances. Serving the veteran population is not just about the physical care they receive but about recognizing their sacrifices while also healing their wounds not visible to the eye. It is my honor to be a member of the residency, to serve Veterans by impacting their lives with preventative medicine and coordinating care for chronic conditions by collaborating with other specialty services and community resources.

Areas of Interest: food insecurity, addiction/mental health issues, physical fitness and evidenced based practice.

**Graduated and employed full time at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center as Nurse Practitioners**



**Laura Carlton MSN, FNP-BC Primary Care Resident**

Hometown: St. Petersburg, Florida

Family Nurse Practitioner full time Provider Pain Clinic



**Retha Strickland MSN, GNP-BC Primary Care Resident**

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Gero-APRN Nurse Practitioner full time Provider Pain Clinic